



CITY OF LODI COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Consider Request to San Joaquin Council of Governments to Appoint A Member of the Lodi City Council to the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission

MEETING DATE: February 21, 2007

PREPARED BY: Randi Johl, City Clerk

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt resolution and authorize Mayor Johnson to send a letter on behalf of the City Council, accompanied by a certified copy of the resolution, to the San Joaquin Council of Governments requesting appointment to the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: At the February 7, 2007, City Council meeting, Mayor Johnson requested, with Council concurrence, that staff bring forth a resolution regarding an appointment to the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission. Pursuant to that request, attached are the resolution and a draft letter addressed to the San Joaquin Council of Governments asking that it appoint a Lodi City Council representative to the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission. Staff recommends adoption of the resolution and authorization to send the correspondence regarding the same.

FISCAL IMPACT: Not applicable.

FUNDING AVAILABLE: Not applicable.

A handwritten signature of Randi Johl, the City Clerk.

Randi Johl
City Clerk

APPROVED: Blair King, City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-34

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL
REQUESTING APPOINTMENT BY THE SAN JOAQUIN
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS OF A LODI CITY
COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE SAN JOAQUIN
REGIONAL RAIL COMMISSION

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WHEREAS, the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission is participating in dialogue related to the expansion of commuter rail service in San Joaquin County; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lodi has a strong interest in rail service expansion in the northern portion of the County for economical reasons including, but not limited to, its current commuter service, multi-modal station for rail and bus activity, and parking structure availability; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lodi desires a seat at the table to participate in the discussion of possibilities related to commuter rail expansion in the County; and

WHEREAS, appointments to the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission are made through the San Joaquin Council of Governments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Lodi City Council that it does hereby request the San Joaquin Council of Governments to appoint, at its earliest convenience, Bob Johnson, Mayor of the City of Lodi, to the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission.

Date: February 21, 2007

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I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2007-34 was passed and adopted by the Lodi City Council in a regular meeting held February 21, 2007, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Hansen, Hitchcock, Katzakian, Mounce,
and Mayor Johnson

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None


RANDI JOHL
City Clerk

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February 22, 2007

Chairman John W. Harris
San Joaquin Council of Governments
555 East Weber Avenue
Stockton, California 95202

Dear Mr. Harris:

SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT TO THE SAN JOAQUIN REGIONAL RAIL COMMISSION

At the February 1, 2007, meeting of the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission, the topic of expansion of commuter rail service in San Joaquin and adjacent counties was discussed. Prominent in the conversation was the consideration of passenger service up the Highway 99 Corridor, through the City of Lodi, and beyond.

The City of Lodi has a strong interest in seeing an expansion of commuter rail service through our community. Amtrak currently provides daily commuter service to points north and south. A multi-modal station tends to the needs of both rail and bus passengers simultaneously. A multi-story parking structure exists in prime location adjacent to our rail depot. Much of the needed infrastructure is already in place, and the City welcomes the opportunity to expand commuter services for residents of Lodi, as well as other potential passengers in the north County and foothill communities.

As the Rail Commission plans for this important expansion, it is vital that the City of Lodi be afforded a place at the table. Currently, neither the City of Lodi, nor the north County, has any representation on the Commission.

We respectfully request that the San Joaquin Council of Governments appoint, at its earliest convenience, a representative of the Lodi City Council to the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission.

Thank you for your consideration of this most important matter.

Sincerely,



Bob Johnson
Mayor

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February 23, 2007

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SUBJECT: LETTER AND RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPOINTMENT
TO THE SAN JOAQUIN REGIONAL RAIL COMMISSION

Dear Mr. Harris:

Enclosed please find the above-referenced letter and certified copy of the resolution, requesting the appointment of Mayor Bob Johnson, as the Lodi City Council representative, to the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission.

Please feel free to give me a call at (209) 333-6702 should you have any questions and/or concerns regarding the same.

Sincerely,



Randi Johl, JD
City Clerk

Enclosures

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